

REMARKS

Claim 2 is the only claim being examined in the application. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wonn (U.S. Patent No. 3,901,030). Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 2 has been amended in a manner believed fully responsive to all points raised by the Examiner, thereby to pass the claim to allowance. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that any claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In response to Examiner's objection to the Declaration, while Applicant completely disagrees that the Declaration is defective since the entire text of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 is inserted on page 2 of the Declaration and Mr. Dudas' letter of January 22, 2008 (copy attached hereto), to speed prosecution Applicant files herewith a Submission of Supplemental Executed Declaration.

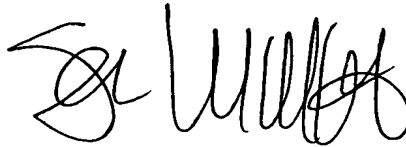
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 2, the claim presently being examined in the application, is patentably distinct over the prior art of record and is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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